Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, line 2, please change the title of the invention to read -- A METHOD OF SEARCHING FOR AND RETRIEVING INFORMATION FROM STRUCTURED DOCUMENTS --

On page 1 first paragraph, amend as follows:

The present invention relates generally to document editing techniques. More specifically, the present invention relates to document editing techniques for extracting elements of structured documents and ~~generates~~ generating a desired output document.

On page 14, paragraph beginning at line 22, amend as follows:

The operation of the second embodiment will be described with reference to Figs. 19-28. In Fig. 22, an operation starts with a sub-routine 200 the detail of which is shown in Fig. 23. At step 200 (viz., sub-routine 200), the initializing instructions, which are retrieved from the memory ~~136~~ 138, includes two instructions, one of which is to reset a variable "total" which stores the total number of the authors and the other of which is to reset a variable "table" provided for arranging the edit result and generating the list C. At step 202, one input document is applied to the system 30', after which a pre-edit operation is implemented at step 204 (viz., sub-routine 204). Following this, a plurality of operatioins for generating the output document 150' are carried out at the following steps as shown in Figs. 22-28.